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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION)	Administrative Action
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF)	
EDWARD DANIEL SLEDGE, D.D.S.)	CONSENT ORDER
TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY IN THE)	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY)	

This matter was opened to the State Board of Dentistry upon the filing of an administrative action complaint by W. Cary Edwards, Attorney General of New Jersey by Maxine H. Neuhauser, Deputy Attorney General. The complaint alleged that on or about June 30, 1984 respondent used cocaine during a time when he was attending a patient and that in addition respondent used cocaine periodically as "social recreation." In answer to the complaint, respondent denied that he ever used cocaine while he was treating a patient; however, he admitted to having used cocaine occasionally and to having had an alcohol abuse problem. He further stated that his involvement with cocaine and alcohol terminated on or about September 1984 and since that time has been free from all

substance abuse. In support of his answer, respondent provided documentation of his participation in an in-patient detoxification program commenced September 18, 1984 and completed October 9, 1984.

In order to settle this matter without further proceedings and for good cause shown,

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS 20th DAY OF January, 1985,
HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Respondent, Edward Daniel Sledge, D.D.S., shall submit to a substance abuse evaluation by a Board appointed psychiatrist. Such evaluation shall be at the expense of respondent.

2. Respondent shall participate in a substance abuse rehabilitation program as recommended by the above psychiatrist and as approved by the Board.

3. Such rehabilitation program shall include unannounced urinalysis monitoring and testing in a frequency as recommended by the above psychiatrist and as approved by the Board.

4. Respondent shall authorize quarterly reports be submitted to the Board regarding his participation in the above described rehabilitation program. Respondent shall authorize such program to immediately notify the Board in the event respondent unilaterally terminates participation in such program.

5. Respondent shall authorize the immediate release to the Board of any positive results of urinalysis testing.

6. Respondent's license is hereby suspended indefinitely. Respondent's suspension is stayed contingent upon respondent's compliance with the above conditions. In the event the Board receives

a report that respondent has unilaterally terminated participation in the rehabilitation program or that respondent has a positive urinalysis test result, the suspension shall be immediately activated pending final action of the Board on these reports.

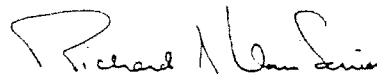
7. Respondent is hereby assessed costs in the amount of \$3,928.20 to be paid in 12 monthly installments of \$327.35. The first payment shall be due January 15, 1987. Subsequent payments shall be paid by the 15th day of the next eleven months. Failure to pay an installment on the required date shall result in the entire remaining amount to become immediately due.

8. The cost of the urinalysis and other costs associated with respondent's participation and rehabilitation program shall be paid by him.

9. Respondent is hereby permanently enjoined from the privilege of prescribing Schedule II and IIN Controlled Dangerous Substances. However, possession for personal use shall be permitted by physician prescription written by such physician in the course of rendering bona fide health care to respondent. Enjoinment from prescribing other ~~schedules~~ of Controlled Dangerous Substances may be imposed if recommended by the Board appointed psychiatrist following his evaluation of respondent.

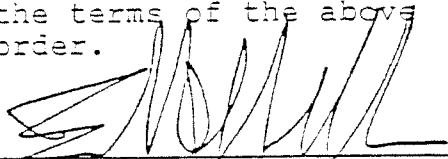
10. Respondent may apply to the Board for termination of the above suspension and limitations on his license two years following the effective date of this order. Such application shall be supported by a report of a Board approved or appointed psychiatrist. Upon consideration of such application, the Board may terminate, modify or leave unchanged the above limitation on

respondent's license.



Richard J. VanSciver, D.D.S.
President
State Board of Dentistry

I understand and agree to
the terms of the above
order.



Edward Daniel Sledge, D.D.S.
Respondent